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Welcome

Dear Friends,

The deadline for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) passed on Friday, November 13. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce and the Office of Energy Independence have received around 170 applications for this opportunity. Counties, cities, villages and towns from around the state have sent in retrofitting and lighting projects that will make their local unit of government operate more efficiently, save tax payers money, and create green jobs for Wisconsin's citizens. These projects will help our economy and continue to keep our air and water clean.

Good luck to all of the community applicants. We wish all projects could be funded, and encourage community leaders to continue their energy efficiency efforts through other American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) programs.

The Department of Commerce and the Office of Energy Independence want to thank all of the EI Communities that applied for this opportunity. EI Communities around the State of Wisconsin are: passing 25x25 resolutions, creating local energy teams and developing energy independence plans to show their dedication to energy independence. Through this continued partnership, we will assist communities by

seeking funding opportunities that will help achieve our 25x25 goal - 25% renewable sources of energy by 2025.

Thanks again, for your dedication and hard work.

Sincerely,

Judy Ziewacz
Director
Office of Energy Independence

25x25 Plan Grant Application

Communities get your applications in before the deadline.

Applications are due December 15th

[2010 25x25 Plan Grant Application](#)

El Communities Meeting

Thursday, December 17th 9:00 a.m.

Green Bay, Brown County

Neville Public Museum

Communities interested in witnessing the presentation of the first in the nation 25x25 Plans should attend this meeting. Go to the El Communities [page](#) and click on the El Communities 4th Quarter Meeting Agenda for more details.

UW Extension

Zero Net Energy & Green Building Resources

Zero net energy buildings are an approach to save energy, use renewable energy, reduce carbon emissions and lower operating costs. Learn about it on the new Zero Net Energy: Policy and Projects [website](#) of UW-Extension. There you will find policies, projects and research in the US and beyond that are moving zero net energy (ZNE) into goals and the marketplace. It is made for government officials, developers, commercial and residential builders, engineers, and the energy industry.

Green building is an important approach to reduce the enormous impacts of buildings on energy, water, land, resources and human health. To learn more go to [Government Green Building Inventory](#), a searchable GIS database that details more than green building policies and programs local governments have adopted across the US. It covers LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and the Green Building Rating System by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Wisconsin Land Use Megatrends: Climate Change

The UW Extension Center for Land Use Education recently published [Wisconsin Land Use Megatrends: Climate Change](#). It is a report that examines state and national trends regarding weather patterns, land use and ecological changes, as well as impacts on infrastructure and the economy. The publication provides adaptation and mitigation strategies that are targeted for local government officials and policy makers.

Thank You

To all of you interested in the Wisconsin Energy Independent Community

Partnership and our shared goal of achieving 25x25. Please contact us with any stories or news about your community at: oei@wisconsin.gov

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